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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fresh gusty Northeast winds; cloudy, with intermittent light rain tonight.
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Red Forces Not Kayoed

Nanking, Nov. 22.—Nationalist armies have failed to land a knockout blow on the Communists in the first round of the crucial battle on the approaches to Nanking.

Confusing reports gave a cloudy picture of fighting around Hsuehchow, key defence bastion for Nanking.

Reliable sources said the Communists have recaptured Nienchuang, 33 miles east of Hsuehchow—the sector where the Government said the Communist drive was broken last week.

A National Defence Ministry communiqué gave no indication that Nienchuang has fallen, but said "heavy fighting" was continuing in that area.

Pro-Government dispatches claimed continued Government advances in the Hsuehchow battle-ground.—Associated Press.

Encouraging Soviet Reply

Paris, Nov. 21.—Russia was today reported to have sent an "encouraging" reply to a questionnaire on the Berlin crisis from Dr. Juan Bramuglia, President of the Security Council.

The problem this week enters what is considered by diplomats here to be its decisive stage and the chances between success, and failure are regarded as equal.

Dr. Bramuglia was still awaiting replies from the Western powers to the questionnaire which he sent a few days ago. The Soviet Government is reported to have sent its reply last night.

The questions asked were technical, such as:

- 1.—What form of quadripartite control of the Berlin currency is envisaged?
- 2.—What types of control apparatus is thought workable?
- 3.—How would the four powers implement the currency reform put into operation?

Replies from the Western powers are expected about Tuesday. Afterwards, Dr. Bramuglia, with the help of United Nations experts, is expected to draw up a further list of more detailed questions.

The replies to this second questionnaire will then probably be incorporated into a plan for settling the currency problem. On the traffic side, Dr. Bramuglia is understood to be still considering a plan for what is called "parallelism"—the lifting of the "blockade" in stages parallel with the introduction of the currency reform.

The first stage would be to open roads and waterways, leaving the railways to be reopened on the same day as the currency change is completed.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Painless Deflation

If latest reports are to be accepted, Britain is going through a necessary, but apparently not very painful process of deflation. The complaint that the consumer had nothing to buy has disappeared. Production of consumer goods has caught up with arrears of demand so that stores have reasonable stocks, not yet of everything the housewife would like to buy, but of a wide range of merchandise. On the money side the tight financial policy introduced last winter has exerted sufficient pressure on the pockets of the public to kill the spending rush that was still part of Britain's scene in 1947. Retailers are said to agree that last Christmas saw the last burst of the consumer's assault on the stores, and there has been a flattening out of the amount laid out over the counter by retail customers. This abatement of postwar inflation can be considered one of the healthiest recovery symptoms of Britain's economy. The effect of this deflationary trend has been manifested in two ways. One is a greater insistence on choice in the purchase of durable consumer goods; the other, the customer is more open-minded when he enters a store because it is now money, rather than coupons that is the limiting factor in what he purchases. One interesting result is that retailers in particular, are beginning to resort to the old motto that the customer is always right, and

Mao Tze-Tung's Warning To America INTERESTS WILL BE OBLITERATED IF KMT IS AIDED

Shanghai, Nov. 22.—The highest organ of the Chinese Red Party—Central Committee of which Mao Tze-tung is the chairman—today made it clear what will happen to American interests if China falls to the Communists. "Obliteration" was the word used.

The Chinese Red radio broadcast this morning carried the text of what it called an "important statement" by the Central Committee, directed squarely against United States aid to China both economically and militarily.

A section of that statement carried the punch that the "Kuomintang government is now about to fall. No aid to the Kuomintang government by any foreign government can either save the rule of the Kuomintang government or protect the interests of the foreign government concerned. The only possible destiny of such aid or such agreements is obliteration together with the Kuomintang government."

The statement added, "The Communist Party in China holds that any military or economic aid to the Kuomintang government by the government of the United States or other countries constitutes an act of hostility against the Chinese nation and the people of China, and should cease immediately. If the American government should dispatch its armed forces for either all-out or partial protection of the Kuomintang government, this would constitute armed aggression against the sacred territory and sovereignty of China. All consequences thereof would have to be borne by the American government."

The statement declared is the strongest by the Central Committee since the "ultimatum" in the past winter in which time four U.S. Marines were taken prisoner by the Reds while on a hunting trip. At that time the United States withdrew. The Marines, however, were released after nearly three months in custody.

OLIVE BRANCH

Today's broadcast, however, held out an olive branch to the United States.

The broadcast said, "The Communist Party in China, the People's Democratic governments in China and the Chinese People's Liberation Army are willing to establish equal

friendly relations with all foreign countries, including the United States of America, and protect the legitimate interests of all nationalities of foreign countries in China, including American nationals. But the integrity of China's territory and sovereignty must be preserved without encroachment."

Referring to the exchange of notes between President Chiang Kai-shek and President Truman, the Central Committee said "Chiang Kai-shek and the entire reactionary Kuomintang government in Nanking are now striving to place their moribund rule under American military protection. To this end, a written letter in the name of Chiang Kai-shek to American President Truman."

Referring to the report (which was officially denied) that Mayor K. F. Wu of Shanghai had asked Admiral Oscar Badger and Ambassador Stuart for American protection of Shanghai and requested that U. S. Marines take over the Municipal administration in Tsingtao, the statement said, "The Communist Party firmly opposes any such 'reactionary actions.' It concluded that the Chinese Reds would 'thoroughly oppose to the end anything contrary to this solemn position.'—United Press.

FIRE CHIEF ARRESTED

To Protect Western Berlin's Equipment

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Berlin's fire chief was arrested by the Western Sector police this morning in a move to protect Soviet seizure of Western Berlin's fire equipment, American officials announced.

Fire Chief Karl Feinabend is believed to be involved in the arrest by the Soviet-controlled police last night of two American Sector deputy chiefs.

Feinabend was taken into custody at his home in the French Sector of Berlin as police guarded three American Sector fire stations near the Soviet boundary to prevent Eastern raids to steal equipment.

American officials said that the American Sector fire officials, Richard Marks and Wilhelm Lipstreu, were arrested by the Soviet-controlled police in the Soviet Sector last night.

Marks, deputy chief, is in charge of equipment and Lipstreu is a deputy sector chief. American officials expressed the opinion that they were arrested for refusing to turn over Western fire equipment to the Eastern Sector fire department.

The fire department struggle reflects the growing chasm between Eastern and Western Berlin, which is expected to widen daily as the city elections scheduled for December 5 draw near.—United Press.

• Madame Chiang Kai-shek urged "immediate and definite" aid on Sunday for the Chinese government as a matter of American self-interest:

In a trans-Pacific broadcast on an American broadcasting company network, Madame Chiang acknowledged "the present situation in China is indeed gravely critical."

She said that if China falls to the Communist armies "all of Asia goes" and the American position in the Orient—"a foothold in Japan—would be most enormous."

GENERALISSIMO NOT DAUNTED

Declares Madame Chiang In Appeal For U.S. Aid

Describing the criticalness of China's present situation, the wife of China's president said:

"The approach of winter finds our people cold, hungry, weary and undergoing terrible hardship. This condition has come about not because there is a basic lack of food and fuel in the country, but because, following the devastating Japanese occupation of much of China, the Communists have systematically destroyed communications and are preventing goods from moving in large areas of the country."

"And on top of this, the insidious and cleverly planned Communist propaganda has undoubtedly weakened the morale of many of our people. It has contributed importantly towards some of the recent reverses."

Madame Chiang said, Communist propaganda had won over "some of our people who are politically glib" and "others who should know better."

COWARDS AND BEASTLINGS

"The second class embraces the cowards, the beastlings," she said, and "those who hope to benefit from Communist good will in the event of Communist victory."

"Let me assure our American friends," she said, "that despite recent disappointments, the Generalissimo and I are not daunted in our determination to go on with the righteous war against the Communists who seek to put our country behind the iron curtain. Our faith in ultimate victory is as strong as it was in the beginning. The Generalissimo and I, as long as there is a breath in us, are going to fight against this evil Communist threat. And if, unhappily, we should fall, our only regret will be that we have but one life to give to China."

Expressing thanks for American aid already given, Madame Chiang said, "the means and methods" of further aid "should be determined by you" but:

MUST BE IMMEDIATE

"I only ask this—to tell you that any further aid must be immediate and definite."

"If Communism prevails in China, you, my friends, will ultimately also be suffering."

"For with China's strategic position, resources and manpower, in Communist hands, you yourself will be greatly weakened."

"Our faith in ultimate victory is as strong as it was in the beginning. The Generalissimo and I, as long as there is a breath in us, are going to fight against this evil Communist threat. And if, unhappily, we should fall, our only regret will be that we have but one life to give to China."

"We in China are convinced that it is the better part of wisdom not to accept failure ignominiously but to risk it gloriously."

"This spirit, which pervaded China during the darkest hours of the struggle against Japanese aggression, inspires us today."

"The struggle against Communism is a new chapter in the age old conflict which we faced in the dark 10-year agony of the Japanese war. We will prevail again as we prevailed against Japan, whatever the cost in human suffering, and national devastation, for our cause is a just one."—Associated Press.

Under House Arrest

President Gallegos Of Venezuela

Willemstad, Curacao, Nov. 21.—Venezuela's President Romulo Gallegos was placed under house arrest after a call for his resignation by high Army officers, according to unofficial reports received today in this Dutch island off the Venezuelan coast.

A complete censorship has been imposed and the situation in Venezuela is reported to be "anxious" with a revolt feared if the demands of the Army and the Catholic Conservative Party are not met.

President Gallegos, elected in December last by the first direct popular election in Venezuela's history, has been deprived temporarily of all his constitutional rights, these reports said.

OFFICIALS' DEMAND

He is leader of the Action Democratica (Liberal) Party, which has 83 members in the Lower Chamber of Parliament, where the Catholic Conservative Party (COPEI) has 10 of the remaining 27.

Army officers now favouring the COPEI Party were reported here to be demanding the President's resignation and a reform of the Government to include four COPEI representatives, four of the Action Democratica and one Communist.

The present Cabinet comprises nine Action Democratica members. A Reuter message from the Venezuelan capital of Caracas reported the suspension by an official decree last night of freedom of speech and public meetings throughout the country.

The decree, issued from the Presidential Palace, was accompanied by a Cabinet communiqué declaring "an actual state of alarm."—Reuter.

150 American Evacuees Leave Shanghai

Shanghai, Nov. 22.—While some 150 American nationals from Nanking, Shanghai and other China ports boarded the naval transport Butner this morning for evacuation to the United States, various city organizations were busily registering and housing 350 evacuees of 26 different nationalities who arrived here last night from North China on board the Cavalier.

The majority of the group will be in the care of the International Refugee Organization, the Joint Distribution Committee and the Russian Emigrants Association, which

FATAL BUS COLLISION

London, Nov. 21.—Four people were killed and 21 injured and taken to hospital when a crowded double decker bus was involved in a head-on collision with a private car in the south-eastern London suburb of Dulwich tonight.

Two of the injured were detained in hospital. The four people killed were the occupants of the private car. Most of the injured were cut by glass shattered with the impact of the collision.—Reuter.

Round The World Flyer Crash Lands

WOMAN AND PILOT UNINJURED

Fairbanks, Alaska, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Richard Morrow-Tait, globe-girdling British housewife, today crashlanded her plane near Tok Junction, 205 miles southeast of Fairbanks, according to the Tenth Air Rescue Squadron.

The Squadron said Mrs. Morrow-Tait and her navigator, Michael Townsend, left Anchorage, Alaska, this morning en route to Natchaw and four hours later, at 2:37 p.m. PST the accident happened.

The Tenth Air Rescue Squadron plane accompanying Mrs. Tait radiated that the plane apparently developed engine trouble as it approached Tok Junction field. The message said the plane crashed about five miles south of Tok Junction.

The Air Force plane radioed Mrs. Tait and Townsend, who were seen walking around the Tait plane apparently uninjured.

A twin-engine Beechcraft plane dropped emergency rations to the downed flyers. An Army truck was dispatched from Tok Junction to the scene of the crash and rescue planes took off from Ladd Field at Fairbanks to assist the assistance of the stranded flyers.

Army officers said the accident occurred in "very lonely country" and the temperature there was near zero.

A spokesman for the Air Force Rescue Service said Mrs. Tait and Townsend "probably will be taken to Tok Junction and then flown to Ladd Field" while their plane is repaired.—United Press.

SNOW BLIZZARD

New York, Nov. 21.—Scores of North American villages were isolated today after the first snow blizzard of the winter, which cut communications, marooned trains and caused heavy damage in the Northeast States.

Volunteers were called for in Nebraska to dig cattle out of snow drifts.

Snow started to fall again this morning and the temperature here fell rapidly as the storm moved East.—Reuter.

More Girl Babies

Singapore, Nov. 22.—The tide is showing signs of turning against Singapore men in the numerical battle of the sexes.

The city's health officer reported that in 1947 the local population included 876 females to every 1,000 males, and the number of females is still increasing, at a faster rate than the men, he added.—Associated Press.

Queen Elizabeth Strike Continues

Southampton, Nov. 21.—The Cunard White Star Line announced today that the Queen Elizabeth will not sail for America before Tuesday. The scheduled sailing of the Queen Mary on Wednesday has likewise been deferred because of a strike of crewmen.

The announcement followed the strikers' decision today to continue their refusal to take the ship to strike-bound New York or Halifax, Nova Scotia.

They contend that the latter alternative would be strike breaking. About 400 of the Elizabeth's crew of 1,250 walked off the ship an hour before sailing time yesterday. Later they sent a cablegram announcing their action to the leader of the striking American longshoremen, Mr. Joseph Ryan, and received a reply from him expressing appreciation.

PASSENGERS STRANDED
The Queen Elizabeth's 1,600 passengers have been stranded in England since last Wednesday, the ship's original sailing date, and they have been marooned here since the lightning walkout at noon yesterday.

The Queen Mary, which has just completed her annual overhaul in drydock here, cannot move into the ocean berth for her next sailing until her sister ship vacates it.

Six hundred passengers are stranded without accommodation in Cherbourg, where they had hoped to board the Elizabeth yesterday. The Cunard Line had already lost £20,000 up to today because of the strike on the Elizabeth and other delays caused by the American stoppage.

The company had been hoping to get the world's largest liner out on the noon-to-two p.m. tide today, either by inducing the striking crew members to return or procuring replacements. At a dockside meeting earlier today, the strikers turned down pleas of the officials of the seamen's union to go back to the ship and participate in a secret ballot of the whole crew on the strike.

STOPPAGE TO SPREAD
A strikers' spokesman said today that the stoppage would spread to the Cunard liners Queen Mary and the Mauretania. The Queen Mary, whose crew is on weekend leave, cannot leave her drydock berth to prepare for her scheduled sailing to America on Wednesday until the Queen Elizabeth leaves her ocean berth.

The Mauretania is due to arrive at midnight tonight from America. At the dockside park meeting this morning, the strikers booted and shouted "No, no," to seamen's union officials' appeals to them to go back and take part in a secret ballot of the whole crew.

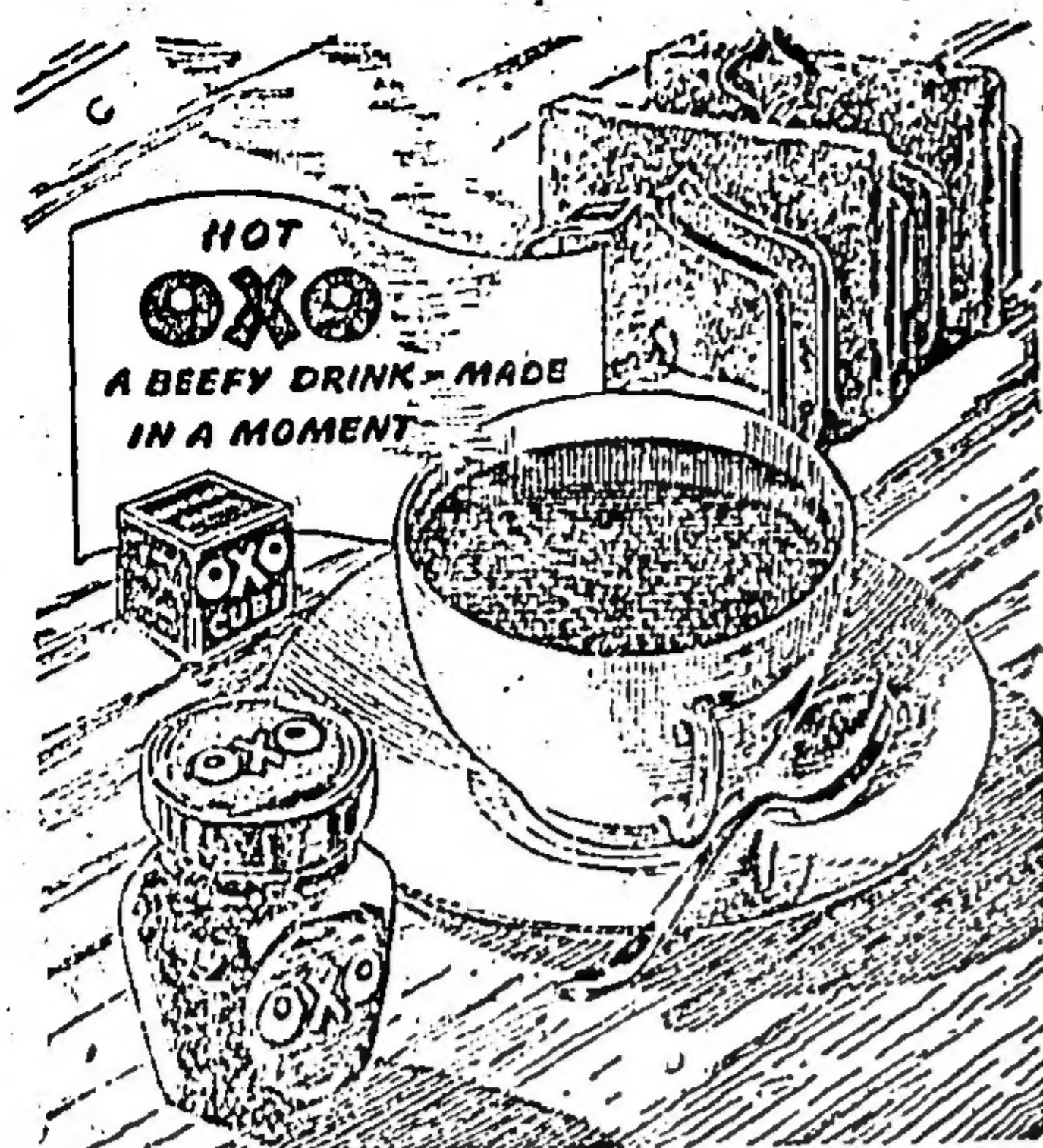
The strikers' principal spokesman said the men had had and opportunity yesterday to go back on board for a vote. "We refused that as we did not think it was fair," he said.

The meeting was told that the tugs had raised steam but that their crews would refuse to handle the ship until the strike was settled.

The strikers picketed the dock gates throughout the night to prevent any of the crew from returning to the ship. The routine aboard the great ship remained nearly normal under the ministrations of a reduced staff, however.

Breakfast and luncheon were served by stewardesses and others, some of whom had never served a meal before yesterday.

The passengers include the American movie stars, Martha Raye and Dana Andrews, Vincent Massey, the former Canadian High Commissioner in London, and Sir Charles Woolley, Governor of British Guiana.—Reuter.



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WOMANSENSE

Labour-Saving Devices At New York Hardware Show

By ELIZABETH TOOMEY

NEW YORK—Everything from egg beaters to snow ploughs and from plastic brooms to lightweight wheelbarrows were on display at the National Hardware Show.

Not many women were admitted, since the show was limited to the trade only, but those who did come away with something to talk about.

One display featured a plaster pencil to rub over cracks in plaster or holes where pictures once hung. Actually it is an oil base paint and makes a smooth surface to repaint.

The plastic-bristled brooms have flexible bristles which employ static electricity to pick up dust particles. The bristles, which come in luscious pastel shades, can be washed in warm soap and water.

Light Wheelbarrow

If any woman has a use for a wheelbarrow, the 12-pound mag-

nestum model shown to the hardware dealers will be welcome. It can be whisked around the garden with only two fingers.

Window and door awnings got a new look when somebody designed stainless steel awnings in a choice of eight colours. From a distance they resemble regular striped canvas awnings, but they are flame-proof, rust-proof and built to last a lifetime.

Another new window development is the venetian screen, mounted on the same principle as a regular venetian blind, with tiny bronze horizontal slats instead of the regular square woven screening. The developers say the new screening deflects heat from the sun and protects against sudden showers. The initial cost is about twice that of regular bronze screening.

From window screening to self-ringing Christmas tree bells was

just a step in the hardware display. Tiny aluminium bells in various holiday colours have been wired to keep them ringing. There are non-breakable bells and automatic ones.

Raking Made Easy

At first glance a lawn sweeper might seem out of the feminine orbit. But at least it would eliminate weary complaints from the man of the house when time came for autumn leaf raking. The new lawn sweeper has a sturdy brush roller where the blades are on the average lawnmower. A metal basket catches the debris as it is thrown back by the rotary brushes.

Comes winter and the same company has a new individual-sized snow plough that cuts through the crustiest drifts and throws the snow in any direction desired. The lawn sweeper has, to be sure, but the snow plough, which clears a path 28 inches wide, is motor driven.

It wouldn't be a hardware display without a mousetrap, so one booth displayed a mouse catcher with a touch of glamour. The glamour came from the sign saying the trap was sponsored by the Crosby Research Foundation, controlled by crooner Bing and his brother Larry. The 39-cent aluminium trap featured a simple release gadget that freed the mouse (dead) in a jiffy.

CLOTHES COLUMN

FIRST AID for PLAIN JANES

by PATRICIA LENNARD

I OFTEN see excellent clothes that are overlooked by the average woman simply because they are not smothered with excessive detail, trimmings and bright colours.

Here are three typical Plain Janes—dress, suit and coat—all utility, all in plain beige, all outstanding value for money and an inspiration for accessories:

- 1—A shirtwaist dress by Nettie Vogues, originally with a black belt and buttons;
- 2—A Rembrandt light-weight wool suit, the jacket buttoned down the front, the skirt down the back, with self-material buttons;
- 3—A Brenner utility topcoat in beige ribbed wool.

Sigrid has sketched for these three garments individual accessories that make clothes like these wearable for years, long after so-called "fashionable" clothes are forgotten.

For the dress, there is an important silk handkerchief with border and monogram in contrast colour; a silver chain choker with heavy silver bobbles tipped with pearls; a donkey-brown suede drawstring handbag with silver rings; and detachable pearl stud buttons to replace the black buttons.

To go with the suit there is a suede and calf bag, trimmed silver; a coloured suede belt with dangling silver chain, and a silver silver chain and charms to wear at your shoulder or in your lapel.

With the heavy topcoat, there is a two-colour mushroom-shaped hat in pale felt draped with daisies, a silver striped ribbon to tie under the collar, when the wind is keen, and a two-colour shoe to match the hat, in dark calf with a pale suede contrast.



Sketches by SIGRID

Army Heavyweights Try Banana-Lettuce Diet

FT. LEWIS, Wash.—Army medical officers reported "operation waistline" started to knock the beef off hefty heavyweights is a success.

Some of the heavyweights, ranging from 225 to 250 pounds, lost from 20 to 30 pounds in six weeks.

The men were placed on a daily diet of six ripe bananas, a quart of skimmed milk, a half head of cabbage or lettuce, a quart and a half of water, coffee or tea with no cream or sugar and two vitamin pills.

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Recipes Geared To Our Market

By ALICE DENHOFF

HERE'S another grab-bag of recipes geared to the season.

First comes a recipe built around yam and sweet potatoes (a rich, nourishing but unusual dish and easily bought locally). Accompany this different sweet potato and luncheon meat main dish with a perky green salad, some crisp rolls and your favourite dessert—and there you have a well-rounded, healthful and quickly-prepared dinner.

For 6 servings, peel 6 yams and 6 sweet potatoes. In small saucepan, combine 1/4 c. brown sugar, 2 tsp. cornstarch, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. each nutmeg and cinnamon; blend in the syrup. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add 2 tsp. raisins. Arrange potatoes around edge of shallow dish. Slice a 12-oz. can in centre of dish, pour syrup over all. Bake at 375 F. for 30 min., basting once during baking.

Stuffed Peppers

Stuffed peppers can be a most attractive dish, or a droopy, stale affair. It just depends on the cook. For a dish nice enough to grace the most important company luncheon try peppers stuffed with a banana and chicken salad mixture. To

serve 4 use one c. sliced or diced rice bananas (one to 2 bananas). Combine with 1/2 c. diced, fresh or canned pineapple. Add 1 1/2 c. diced cooked chicken, 1/2 c. diced celery, 1/2 c. sliced or chopped olives, 1 1/2 tsp. salt and 2 tsp. mayonnaise. Mix lightly. Cut tops from 2 green peppers and remove seeds and fibres. Salt inside of peppers lightly then fill with salad mixture. Serve on lettuce or other salad greens.

Another Version

For a more substantial version of stuffed green peppers, try this one! To serve 6 remove tops from 6 peppers and use tops to make 2 tsp. minced green pepper called for in the recipe. Cook 6 strips bacon in heavy skillet; remove from fat and cut in small pieces. Add green pepper and 2 tsp. minced onion to fat in pan, and cook 3 min. over medium heat. Add 3 c. whole-kernel corn, and 3 onions cut in strips; heat. Parboil the peppers in large amount of boiling, salted water for 6 min. Drain; fill with bacon-corn stuffing. Lay small strips of bacon across tops of peppers; place on baking pan and bake in moderately hot oven (450 F.) for 5 min., until stuffing is heated through and bacon is crisp. A good main dish.

RED RYDER



Bandit's Reward

By Fred Harman

Your Skin Is a "Barometer"



Once a day, to get your skin really clean, use a complexion brush.

By HELEN FOLLETT

PET your complexion, coddle it. Keep an eye on it. Keep it scrupulously clean, using a high grade soap. Lubricate it at least once a day with a creamy cosmetic. If you don't do that, you may suddenly be aware of changes in appearance that are not for the better.

The skin is a health barometer, so eat wisely, bathe daily, breathe deeply. Fever flushes it. Malnutrition brings pale. Disturbances of the liver or intestinal tract may bring an unbecoming yellow cast. Lack of fat in the diet will cause the surface to dry out and flake. Too much fat will overstimulate the work of the sebaceous glands, that will lay on a horrid film of oil that even frequent manipulations of the powder pad will not obliterate. Over eating will make the texture coarse, especially if there is an excess of protein in the diet.

The daily bath is of wonderful cosmetic value; it helps the entire body surface to function normally as an organ of elimination. Drink plenty of water, especially if the skin is dry. If the complexion is sallow, take tomato juice or unsweetened lemonade every morning before breakfast.

If the skin is sensitive, use a powder of light consistency. There is a difference in powders, some heavy ones having an oily base. Take pains to see that the colour matches your skin or is slightly darker. A wrong shade of powder can take the life out of even the best looking complexion.

Don't use soap and water just after coming indoors, especially if the weather is cold and the North Wind is blowing. Apply a cream instead if you must have a facial. Clean-up. And once a day, to get your face really clean, use a complexion brush.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch Kept Some Pets

— His Favourite One Was Pokey The Snail —

By MAX TRELL

"WHEN I was a boy," Mr Punch was saying to Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, "I didn't keep ordinary pets like most boys and girls do. I mean, for instance, cats and dogs, and parrots and canaries."

Knarf and Hanid, who were used to Mr Punch's doing things differently from most other people asked him what kind of pets he kept.

"Well," said Mr Punch, after lighting his pipe, and settling himself comfortably in his rocking chair, "one of my favourite pets was called Pokey. He was a snail."

"Snail!" exclaimed Knarf, in surprise.

"I never heard of anyone keeping a snail for a pet," said Hanid.

Mr Punch smiled. "Pokey was a beautiful pet. He had a shell the colour of toasted corn muffin and whenever I came near, he would put out his head, and wave good-morning to me with his two little horns. He lived at the bottom of the garden, under a mulberry tree. We often took long walks together."

"Where did you go?" asked Hanid, thinking to herself that most of the snails she had ever heard about took very short walks.

"Where did we go?" repeated Mr Punch. "Sometimes we'd walk across the lawn. Sometimes we'd go around the mulberry tree. Now and then, when we had lots of time, we'd walk up and down the cellar door."

"Those weren't very long walks," Hanid said, quite sure now that she was right in thinking that snails never walked very far.

But Mr Punch said: "Indeed, they were long. You can't imagine how long it took to cross the lawn, or go around the mulberry tree, and especially to climb up and down that cellar door. I remember once Pokey and I decided to walk around the house. We had breakfast at the back door, lunch on the front porch, and didn't get back until the moon was out. But poor Pokey had an accident."



Little Punch and his pet snail.

Pet Snail

his cheerful little face again, and have him wave good-morning to me with his little horns.

"Then, I had another pet," Mr Punch went on. "His name was Shush."

"What was he?" Knarf and Hanid asked together.

A Clam

"Shush," said Mr Punch, "was a clam. I called him Shush because I never heard him say a word. He did nothing but dig himself a hole in the sand and stay there with his mouth tight shut. I often used to visit him. He was a very pleasant fellow."

"It couldn't have been much fun," Knarf said, "visiting someone who never said a word."

"You're quite wrong," said Mr Punch. "He wasn't very much at talking, but I've never met anyone who could listen half as well as Shush. You meet lots of people who can talk but you're very lucky when you can meet someone who does nothing but listen. But poor Shush disappeared too. One day I came to his place in the sand and all I could find was a big hole. He was gone. Perhaps he went out to sea. But wherever he is," Mr Punch said smiling, "I'm sure he still hasn't said a word. I'm sure he's still listening."

Rupert & Mr Punch—49



When the three friends return, Sailor Sam puts the strong crowbar back in the shed. Then he peeps and has had his breakfast and has gone out," he announces. They go down the steps to the beach and, sure enough, there is the old man standing by the tiny boat and looking very puzzled. "Here's a tiny little craft," he cries, "but what a size! However did it get here?" Rupert runs to him. "We'll tell you what we can," he says, "all except Mr. Punch's secret."

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



HAM GALORE—This little piggy struts around a farm at Onelda, Illinois, sporting two extra hams. One of a litter of seven porkers, the 150-pound Duroc has been vaccinated and is in perfect health. All six legs are well developed.



INFORMAL GATHERING—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime Prime Minister, entertains with an amusing tale after luncheon at the London residence of Lewis Douglas, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain. Grouped from left to right are: George C. Marshall, U. S. Secretary of State; Mrs Churchill; Mrs Lewis Douglas (standing); Mrs James Douglas, the Ambassador's daughter-in-law; Mr Douglas; Sharman Douglas, daughter; Mrs Marshall; James Douglas, son; Mr Churchill and an unidentified guest.



NEW LAMPLIGHTER—Art Bjontegaard puts a housing on an electronic eye in Schenectady, N.Y., that will enable street lights to "see" approaching dawn or dusk. The control unit is adaptable for normal street lights, will turn them on automatically at dusk and put them out in the morning.



SCHOOL-DAY PREVIEW—Carrying her little son on her back, this Japanese woman drops her ballot in the box, voting for a school board candidate in Tokyo. The little fellow, too young for the three R's, is still quite interested. Voting is a postwar privilege for Japanese women.



ON THE SCENE—Former U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau takes off his tie as he talks things over somewhere in Israel with Ygal Yadin (right) and Jacov Dori (in shorts). Chairman of the United Jewish Appeal, Morgenthau gets the facts from these top military officials of Israel.



GENERAL EXPLAINS—President Ismet Inonu (left) of Turkey gets from Maj-Gen. Earl Hoag, air chief of the U.S. military mission, an explanation of tactics during Turkish army manoeuvres. In centre is General Erdelun, Turkish army instruction staff chief.



GUARDING FRENCH MINE—Steel-helmeted mobile guards patrol the Charles mine in the St Etienne district of central France after taking it over from striking miners.

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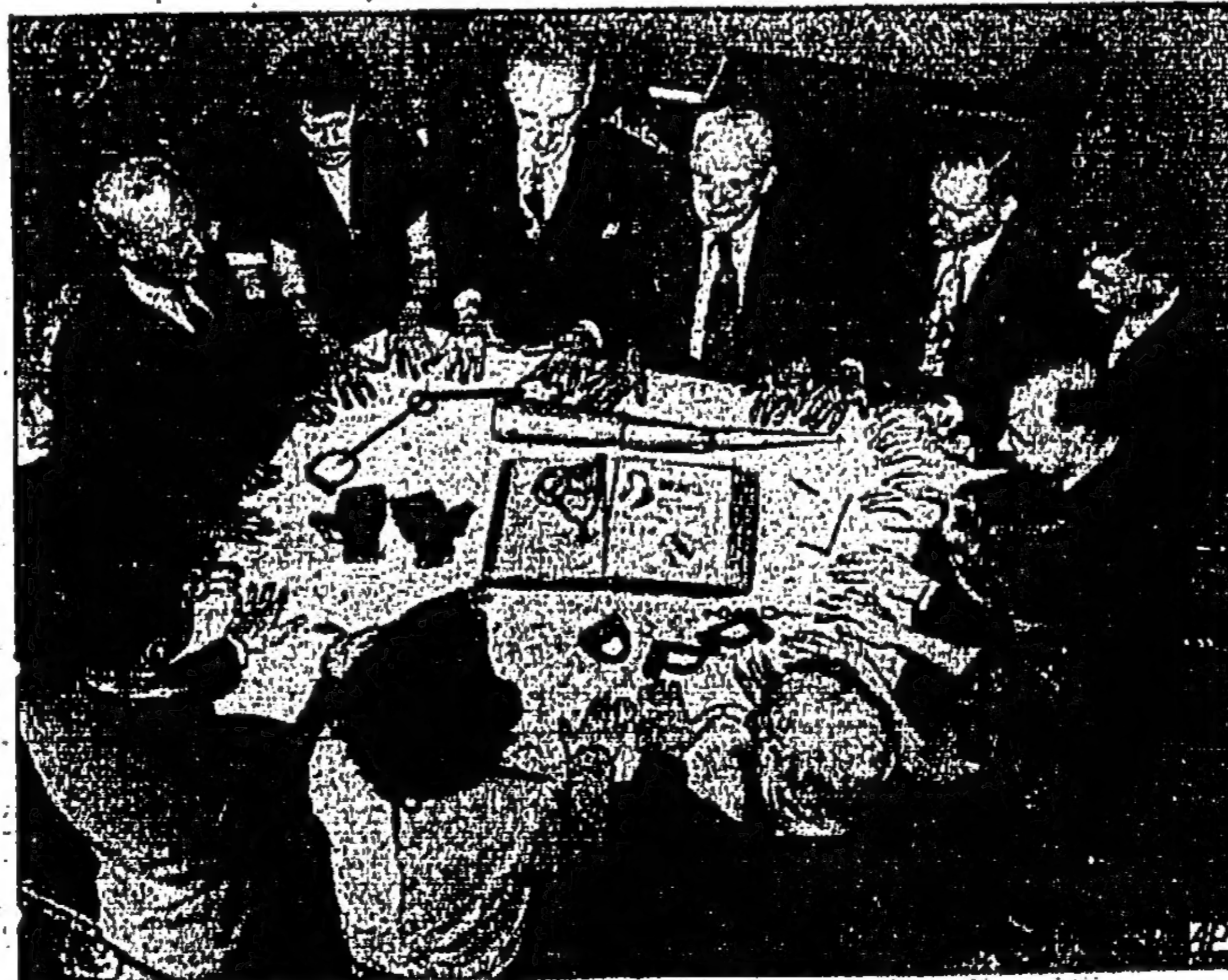
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PAGING HOUDINI'S SPIRIT—Magicians hold their annual seance in New York in a vain effort to contact the spirit of Houdini on the 22nd anniversary of his death. Locks, handcuffs and the personal scrapbook of the great escape artist are on the table. Clockwise around the table, starting with profile of the man at left, are: Bob Sherman, Bridgeport, Conn.; Dr. Shirley L. Quimby, Columbia University professor of physics; Mrs. Joseph Dunninger; Edward Dart, magazine publisher; Ralph Read, author on magic; Sidney Radner, owner of the Houdini collection; Bob Lund, editor; Milt Kelly, AP writer; Mrs. Edward Dart; Edwin V. Burkholder, mystery story writer; Mrs. Sidney Radner and Stewart Robb, writer. They'll try again next year.

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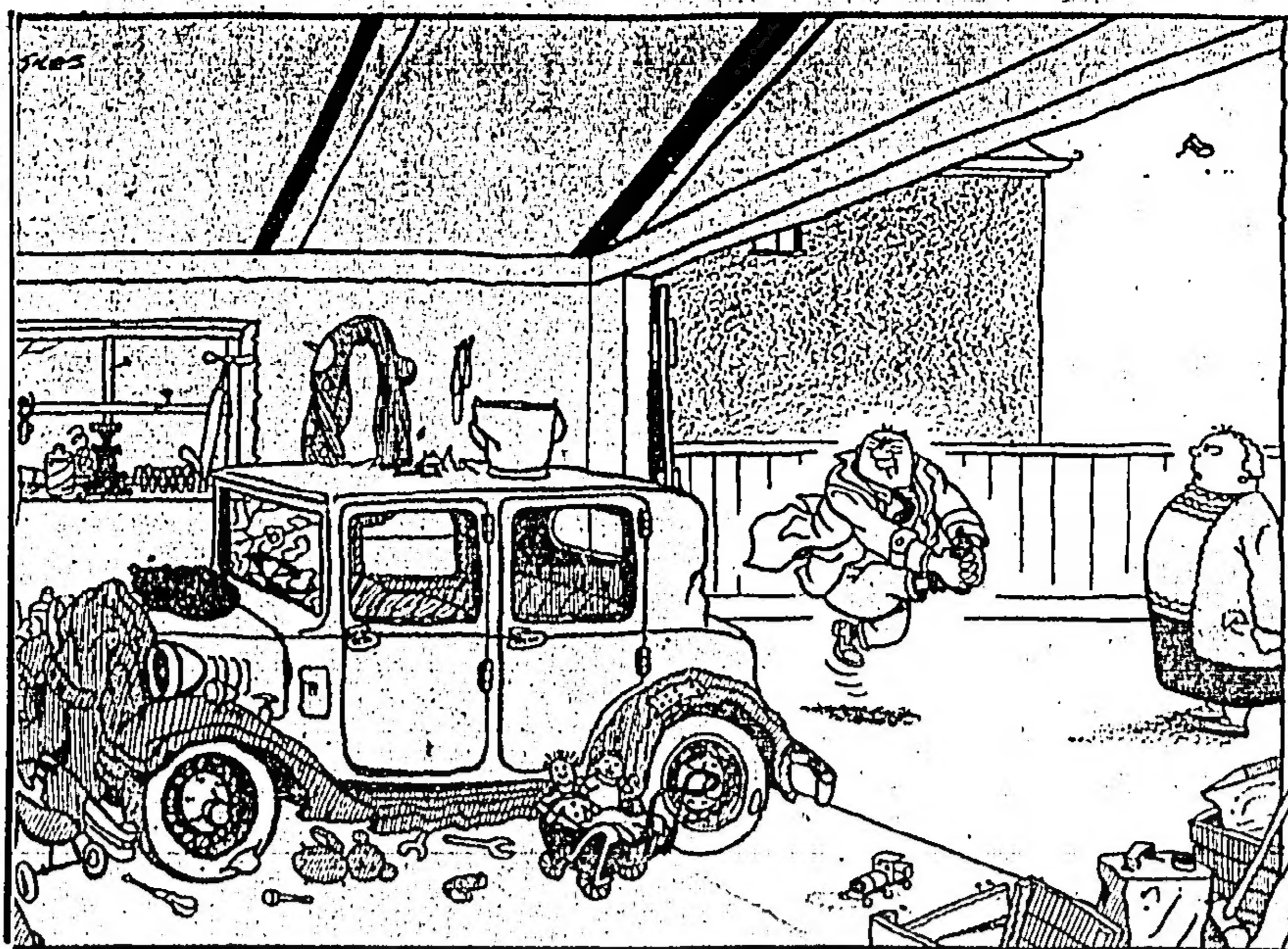
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THIS PAGE EVERY MONDAY

ELECTION TALK
AGAIN... THE
GOVERNMENT
IS SUGARING
THE CAKE...**THEY** have been laying bets in the House of Commons that the Government will go to the country before the end of 1949.

So far, they believe, the final date has not been chosen. The way things are going at the moment, Mr. Attlee doesn't want to have his plans too rigid. But Aneurin Bevan is running around like a small boy with a secret he is aching to tell.

What pushed election-talk out of the news for a little time was the announcement of the bribery allegations tribunal. Politicians expected more famous (though not necessarily less determined) men to sit on it. "Why not Blakeney?" was the question I heard most. But the same people are glad to see the tribunal getting down to work so fast.

For their pre-election campaign to make the voters feel better about Socialism, the Government figures it out this way:—More petrol concessions in the spring... A let-up on some taxes in the next Budget... Increases in summer food allocations... and then—with people slightly better tempered—an appeal to the electorate, backed by the Commons-versus-Lords quarrel over the Steel Bill.

SO Morgan Phillips and Herbert Morrison have come to work with a rake among their members, weeding-out-the-men-who-they-feel-may-harm-their-chances. They want to be rid of what one Socialist called "the disorganised boys on the right and the dirty dogs on the left."

They want no more defections around election time; no more "Doubling" Thomases; no more embarrasments from the pro-Reds like Billieus.

"Show the people a nice, clean, respectable Socialist face," is what they are saying at Transport House. "Convince them we are decent people. That's the way to get the middle-class vote," the class Socialists no longer despise, it seems.

Having trouble, also, is Clement Davies, leader of the Liberals in the House. Each time he gets up to speak some of his nine fellow party members seem to disappear. The other day two of them went off the moment he rose to his feet—maybe agreeing with Oliver Sturges, who described Davies' political oratory as sounding "like Sandy Macpherson trying to play boogie woogie on the BBC theatre organ."

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Something borrowed
from BALTASAR GILACIN,
17th century Spanish
philosopher:—
"If a woman attracts men, she has sex appeal; if she attracts women, style; if she attracts everybody, charm."**FROM** their London offices Americans and Continental correspondents have again been cabling forecasts that Princess Margaret will become engaged to the young Marquis of Blandford next year.

A story about "the presumed fiancée" of the Princess is going the rounds of Egypt, where he was stationed with the Life Guards. "Sonny" Blandford, it seems, was always the life of the Blue Room or the Cabana parties. One evening his usual crowd turned up in the most extraordinary costumes. The marquis was dressed as a middle-aged woman, with a head-dress which added half a foot to his considerable height (6 ft. 2 ins.). Other guests were surprised and amused—the marquis and his party had made a mistake in the date.

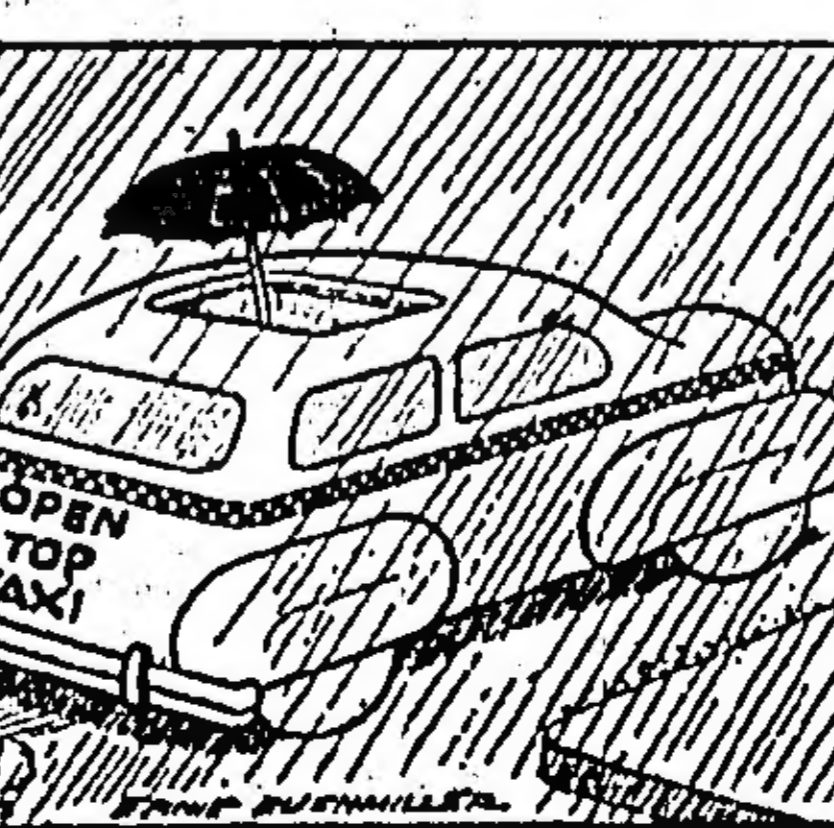
OUT of hundreds of seasonal couplets (asked for, this column, last week) these are the best:—
At the sound of Guy Fawkes' bombs
Ladies, don your winter combs.
When autumn winds blow round your waists
Time to switch to woollen smalls.**IN** the film world they are wondering what effect slashing critical attacks on "Bonnie Prince Charlie," made by London Films at a cost of more than one million pounds, will have on Sir Alexander Korda's application for a loan from the Government Film Bank. He wants £3 million.

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NANCY Oh, Well, Their Feet Are Dry



THE RIGHT TO SAY YOUR PIECE

ALARMED by a decision taken in a British Colony which strikes at the accepted conception of the Freedom of the Press, the author of the following report flew out to Uganda to make an on-the-spot inquiry.

He talked to the Governor there—Sir John Hall—the man who has taken the power to compel native newspapers in Uganda to print "correcting statements."

He paid visits to native newspaper editors—most working with unbelievably primitive equipment—and he asked them what they have to say about the new decree. There are those who support it, as well as those who oppose it.

This Is The Ruling

UNDER THE ORDINANCE the Governor of Uganda has a right to order the correction (up to twice the length of the original version) of any statement made in any of the Colony's newspapers which in his opinion is "false or distorted." Newspapers refusing to publish the correction on the date ordered will be held to be "seditious" until the correction appears. The ordinance came into force on August 9.

THE OFFICIALS SPEAK:

ENTEBBE (Uganda). **SIR JOHN HALL** is shocked that a Press ordinance passed in one day by his Legislative Council should have had such world-wide publicity—raising the principle of muzzle the voice of the people. The 53-year-old Governor—D.S.O. of the first World War and the delegate of the King in this 4,000,000 native-populated British Protectorate since 1944—denies completely that he has ever contemplated interfering in Press affairs without fair cause.

We met here at the end of my 6,700 miles' flight from London.

When the black boys had brought us coffee on the sunlit terrace, Sir John said: "First let me say that I think as much of the freedom of the Press as I do of habeas corpus or the rights of Magna Carta. They are pillars of British democracy to be jealously guarded and preserved. And I must certainly would not have it otherwise."

"But some native newspapers here have published reports without any foundation of truth which are believed by the people."

"This has reacted against the Administration unfairly and in the long run to the detriment of the Africans."

"These false and distorted reports had to be curbed. But I, personally, am prepared for comment and criticism of any nature."

From Government House I went to the Uganda Secretariat. There, 40-year-old Mr. R. L. E. Dredfield, the Acting Attorney-General, ad-

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He handed me a sheet of clippings from native-language newspapers. One read: "Clashes in the British Cabinet were brought by the expulsion of the grievances of the inhabitants of Uganda."

Another claimed to carry a telegram from Mr. Creech Jones, Colonial Secretary, denouncing Europeans in East Africa as being people with a herrenvolk outlook.

A third stated that the Government was deliberately poisoning sugar supplies to the natives.

"These are the lying reports that we have so often had to stomach," said the Acting Attorney-General.

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"It is a problem of this Protectorate alone, for in Uganda there is a section of the Press without special training and with no knowledge of the Press tradition, and they are likely to become swollen-headed when they see these untruths in print. It had to be stopped for the good of the Uganda people."

"To demonstrate the difference of our problem, I would say that in Britain if you publish distorted and willfully false reports the splendid tradition of your Press would cause your contemporaries to ridicule you or show you up. The public would be the judges and it would not be repeated."

THE EDITORS SPEAK:

I DROVE 20 miles to Kampala, where one European and ten African newspapers are published. Austin Duffield, editor of the European Herald (which comes out three times a week), was inclined to be acid.

"We welcome you to Uganda," he said, "and we hope you will enjoy your stay in this lovely land, but we fear you will be disappointed if you have come on a witch hunt."

"You will find neither this newspaper nor any of our vernacular contemporaries being converted into emulations of Pravda or Izvestia."

"Irresponsible newspapers in other territories in the Colonial Empire have, in fact, retarded the growth of an informed public opinion."

Duffield, an ex-Army officer, approves the Press ordinance, and added: "It is important to realise that the Bill places no restriction whatever on a newspaper's right to criticise the Government."

"If I thought there was the possibility of a thin end of the wedge being inserted to stop Press freedom I should oppose it all I know."

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And then I went to the African newspapers, some of which sell 1,500 copies a month—the highest 7,000 a week.

I found Mr. Aloni Lubwama, tall, 28-year-old African editor of the Uganda Pilot, working in a native hut the size of my London news garage. He started three months ago with no knowledge of journalism, had no reporters, only one reader (who also set up the type that he had collected from Indian and other junk shops), and he is without even a flat-bed printing press.

Yet the Uganda Pilot is selling 1,500 copies a week.

He did not approve of the ordinance, "because if you print an official correction the people begin to suspect you. They think you have lost your individuality."

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Then I found Mr. Martin C. Luima, the young editor of the Gumbuzi, whose immediate predecessor was sent down for six months for sedition.

Mr. Luima said to me: "The African editors are considering sending a petition of protest to the Colonial Office."

"(1) On the ground that the ordinance was passed and rushed through in one day and the African editors had no time to oppose it, they give a chance to express their views."

"(2) We thought under British justice that a newspaper could be adequately dealt with under the sedition law, but now we can be held to be seditious without having published any seditious."

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Mr. George Kinnear, editor of the East African Standard of Nairobi, Kenya, arrived here for a holiday. Mr. Kinnear said: "It is a very bad Press censorship ordinance. The principle is wrong. It does hit at the freedom of the Press. You start a bad principle in the bush of Africa and if it works it becomes a common practice everywhere. You cannot teach Africans the tradition of British Press freedom by threatening them."

"Another danger: some small African papers may not be prepared to spend money fighting law cases and so they will come to accept the Government's corrections—and later their statements will willy nilly. Thus a Government may in time use these newspapers merely to propagate its official hand-outs."

"I do not suggest that Governor John Hall would abuse his power, but what of all the governors who will follow him?"

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Harry (Mickey) Kane, 16 months old, probably was the world's sweetest baby after he drank a bottle of perfume but he seems soured on the world as a nurse attempts to comfort him in St Joseph's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. Doctors said the worst result of Mickey's drink would likely be a case of hives.—AP Picture.

Chinese Communists Training Air Force

Tientsin, Nov. 22.—The Chinese Communists are at present training air force personnel and possess 300 aeroplanes in Harbin and Kiamudze, in north Manchuria, General Chiu Chung-tung, the Deputy Garrison Commander of Tientsin, said during the commemoration of "Anti Air Raid Day" yesterday, when sirens shrieked and ARP corps, fire brigades and peace preservation corps were inspected.

Bridge House Trial

DEFENCE WITNESS IN THE BOX

After an adjournment of several days for the purpose of awaiting the arrival of defence witnesses, the trial of Lieut. Gen. Kinoshita Eichi (former OC of the Shanghai Gendarmerie) and Sgt Yoshida Bunzo (attached to the Foreign Affairs section of the Special Branch of the Shanghai Gendarmerie) was resumed at Lyemun Barracks this morning.

Of 13 witnesses named and sought by Yoshida for his defence, only two were located in Japan and were brought to the Colony on board the troopship Lancashire on Friday.

No witnesses are being called by Kinoshita, whose defence has been closed. The two accused are charged with being concerned in the ill-treatment of civilian residents of Shanghai at the Bridge House hotel and other places of detention in Shanghai between July, 1942, and August, 1944.

The result of the efforts made by the British authorities to locate the witnesses named by Yoshida were made known by the President of the Court (Lieut.-Col. L. A. Massie) this morning.

ONLY TWO LOCATED

He informed Yoshida that only two Japanese, Atsumi Tomojiro and Sigiura Tadamoto, had been located, and that the remainder of the men had not been traced. One of the Germans, Fischer, said to have been German Consul-General in Shanghai during the Pacific War years, was reported to be dead, and the other man, a military officer named Hoover, was in Germany and could not be located without considerable trouble and would delay the trial for an indefinite time.

This morning, Atsumi Tomojiro, former Warrant Officer, said he left the Shanghai Gendarmerie in August, 1942, and knew nothing of any events which occurred between that date and August, 1943. He also spoke about an identification parade at Stanley Prison in September last year when both Yoshida and himself were picked out by a prosecution witness. He declared, however, that the witness agreed he only resembled, and was not, the commander of the Race Course sub-detachment of the Shanghai Gendarmerie.

Atsumi denied all knowledge of the Hutton case (William Hutton, ex-Police Inspector, whose death allegedly resulted from ill-treatment he received in Bridge House hotel in August, 1942).

The trial is proceeding.

New Railway Line

London, Nov. 21.—The dream of a railway line between Cairo and Capetown will come true with the building of a railway line between Kenya and Northern Rhodesia, a Colonial Office spokesman said today.—Associated Press.

LONG-TERM LOANS TO CHINA RECOMMENDED

Washington, Nov. 21.—Former Senator D. Worth Clark, special investigator sent by the Senate Appropriations Committee, recommended long term loans to China to help to defeat the threat of Communism and boost China's productive capacity. Sections of his report to the Committee entitled "Currency Reserves," "Industrial Rehabilitation" and "Potential Returns from a Free China," follow:

"The United States could bolster confidence in Chinese currency by a five-year renewable loan in gold for a new stable reserve. A minimum of \$200,000,000 is indicated. This gold reserve should be maintained in the custody of the United States. Its use should be limited to a currency reserve and it could be released only by a special act of Congress.

"Under neither the present nor the proposed system is the currency redeemable. Most modern currencies, including the most stable, are irredeemable. The mere existence of a specific reserve in a form which the people recognize to have an intrinsic value imparts a certain confidence in a currency.

"The value of a billion backing of an irredeemable currency is purely psychological. The retaining in the United States of the reserve established by the stabilization loan will increase the psychological element of confidence in the currency, since the reserve could not then be the subject of any dissipation for unintended purposes.

"The United States should have representatives on the currency control board to have a voice in policy. The stabilization loan would release the present reserve for other purposes. On one hand it would enable China to pay her obligations to the International Monetary Fund. China would then be privileged to secure the full benefit of advice from the Fund's experts, as well as to borrow up to the equivalent of about \$130,000,000.

In foreign currencies a year from the Fund. The remainder of the present currency reserves so released could be allocated to necessary imports and to a revolving fund to finance foreign trade.

REVOLVING LOAN
"The third requirement in the programme for stabilization is for a revolving loan for reconstruction for a term of 10 to 20 years. Priority should be given to those industries already established, but which need rehabilitation in part or in full. New projects proposed should be sound and self-liquidating. With the war drain removed, China should be in a favourable position to balance her budget. The greatest obstacle to a stable currency would be removed. When industrial aid in industrial rehabilitation is combined with the stimulus to greater effort resulting from a currency in which there is confidence and in exports, which is so necessary if China is to begin the road to full recovery, should be achieved.

VITAL NECESSITIES
"As an aside on China's present plight, recognizing clearly that American aid at present would be aimed at rescuing China from Communism and not at a financial return, many Government, banking and business leaders called attention to the fact that the money loaned to China might well be repaid. A good many stated frankly that little real benefit had accrued, or would be, from projects due for completion in the distant future. All emphasised that all funds flowing into China must be channelled into operations and activities which would first help China to win her battle against Communism and, secondly, speed the restoration of such necessities as transportation and agriculture to the prewar level.

"So much has been written about the dazzling economic future of a fully industrialized China, and so many varying reports and estimates have been put forward for attaining this shining objective, that the existing facilities are lost in the rosy haze of the future. Actually a free China with no further industrialization than that which obtained in 1947, would be a considerable industrial front—one which supported a profitable economy until the rising war budgets and spreading Communist victories decimated the structure.

RESTORATION OF PEACE
"For the creation of a Free China, first, of course, peace must be restored. Then the already existing, though materially injured, industrial structure must be rehabilitated before further expansions can be attempted with profit either to China or her creditors. The job of bringing peace and rehabilitating the old economy is staggering. Any attempt to begin this at the present time would serve only to increase the jeopardy of the necessary first steps. Beyond the mathematical production volumes side from the expansionist estimates, it is the visible evidence of Chinese industry even under the terrible war conditions of today, which gives the best evidence that a China freed from Communism can take its place as an important world economic factor.

"The Committee, travelling through the countryside and in the commercial lanes of Nanking and of Shanghai, observed countless small manufacturing shops crowded to the streets turning out their wares, seemingly without regard to day or night or darkness and certainly without regard to the danger of war. The visual impact of this industry was stunning. In small iron-working shops along the city streets, for example, whole families seemed

cesslessly to work. Often father, and perhaps son, were to be seen working at the bellows even while other members of the family ate their rice from bowls off to the side. It was the same in the small weaving shops and the tiny pottery-making establishments of this nation of 450,000,000 persons.

RELUCTANT TO SELL
"As at mid-October, the manufacturers and stores, which stocked everything from carved ivory to blue denim, so widely used by the Chinese for clothes, were reluctant to sell. But this did not stop the workers. In fields along the railroad tracks between Shanghai and Nanking, the mission observed farmers busy with the rice sowing and the vegetable crop gathering chores on the tiny farms as early as it became light enough in the morning to watch through the train windows.

"While a portion of China's industrial plants have been taken by the Communists, China's 473 electric power plants (125 government-owned) as late as 1947 had a generating capacity of 1,205,893 kw and generated 2,365,713 kw hr of energy, exclusive of power plant factory consumption. In 1947, her cotton textile industry produced 7,200,000 pounds from 4,459,702 spindles. In that same year the Chinese cement industry produced 510,000 tons—a sharp reduction to 1936 from 1938, when there was double the tonnage. China's chemical manufacturers produced 11,400,000 gallons of alcohol in 1947, more than 125,000 barrels of sulphuric acid, nearly 30,000 tons of sulphuric acid, and a considerable volume of hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, bleaching powders, liquid chlorine, etc. China produced only 44,112 tons of steel and 34,952 tons of iron in 1947, showing here the effects of war. Her 1946 volume amounted to 552,000 tons of steel and 3,522,050 tons of iron. The Chinese paper mill industry turned out 116,500 tons in 1947.

COAL PRODUCTION
"Chinese coal production is estimated by authorities interviewed both inside and outside the government to total about 5,417,000 tons, with the need placed by some authorities at little better than 6,000,000 tons. In their figures the authorities noted that as late as October two big private coal sources, the Hwei Nan and the Hwei Tung mines, together totalling more than 2,000,000 tons, were in danger of Communist conquest. China's coal production before the Sino-Japanese War was about 25,000,000 tons a year.

"In any picture of China as an industry at peace, free to work, sell and compete in the world markets, there inevitably arises the threat of undercutting the home production costs of other nations' industrial units, but for the purposes of this report the recovery of China—her wage rates must be considered as an asset. This is shown clearly in the brief factory working figure compiled by Mr. C. Jorgensen, Labour Attaché of the American Consulate-General in Shanghai. Mr. Jorgensen noted that labour rates were slowly changing at the time of his compilation, but reported the following scales as approximately up to date:

Silk spinning and weaving, \$14.60 per week; cotton spinning and weaving, \$13.50 per week; woollen weaving and spinning, \$15.42 per week.

"The Jorgensen added the following:—In addition to the Monetary wage paid in China, the distribution of clothes, rice, and other commodities is a common practice in all industries, and frequently these commodity items exceed in value the monetary income of the workers.

IMPORTANT NEEDS
"In the economic picture of a Free China, her most needs are no less important to the rest of the world than her production. China, for example, has 2,121 metal factories, which have estimated their import needs at considerably more than \$100,000,000 worth of coal each year. The 2,242 chemical factories would like to import more than \$7,500,000 worth of materials yearly. The 1,500 Chinese textile dye plants want about \$14,000,000 worth of raw materials from outside the country. Artificial indigo, sulphur, black wax, and paraffin factories want an additional \$1,500,000 worth of materials.

"The Government, strapped for foreign exchange in China, has by no means permitted all these imports: in most cases the authorized percentages have been pitifully small. But the need is there and a free China would presumably spend the money.

"China's exports have been sharply curtailed by the war, Government freezes, and Government monetary management which made exporting unprofitable for the private business man. But despite the war conditions she has been able to send a sizable volume of goods to the outside world. China sold the world nearly 50,000,000 pounds of wood oils during the period from January to August this year. She sent 3,160,000 pounds of fine bristles over a quantity of them by air. She exported quantities of edible oils, eggs and egg products, leather, raw silk, wool, feathers, wolfram ore, small quantities of antimony and a few Chinese medicines. She exported more than 22,500,000 pounds of beans and seeds.—United Press.

ROBBERS THREATENED NT WIDOW

In a New Territories robbery case heard before Mr Justice Gould at the Criminal Sessions this morning, the Crown alleged that the murderers threatened to burn the house of a widow. In the dock was Tsoi Hon-yiu, alias Tsoi Wan-lin, 24, of Tung Kuan, accused of robbery by two or more. Complainant was Ng Yuet-lai, who alleged that she was robbed of a gold ring, a gold ornament set with pearls and \$45. Mr A. Heenan, Crown Counsel, told a jury comprising six men and a woman that the robbery took place on the evening of September 8 in Pak Sha Village at the home of Ng Yuet-lai, who lived there with her adopted son and his mother. The robbery was carried out by three men who locked the occupants in a room and ransacked the premises.

Three weeks later a party of Police, acting on information, detained the accused at Un Long. Accused was cautioned and he denied all knowledge of the robbery. Later, he took them to a place in Lung Tin Village where an undervalue was found. At 12.30 p.m. that day, the accused, after having again been cautioned, made a statement.

At an identification parade, neither the widow nor her adopted son nor his mother, was able to identify the accused as being one of the three men who robbed the widow.

DEMANDED MONEY

"The Crown case is that the accused was one of the three men who committed the robbery, and although there is no direct evidence which shows that the revolver which was found in the presence of the accused was the revolver which was carried by one of the armed men, the Crown submits that the finding of the revolver indicates that the accused was the man who did have control of the revolver," said Mr Heenan.

Assisting Crown Counsel was Det. Insp. W. J. Wall, of the CID, New Territories.

The widow, in evidence, said that the robbers at pistol point demanded \$3,000 otherwise they would burn her house. They also threatened to kill her.

The trial is proceeding.

Junk Coxswain In Court

The coxswain of a motor junk was fined \$150 or six weeks by Mr Caines at the Marine Court this morning for having insufficient fire fighting and life-saving apparatus on his craft.

Defendant pleaded guilty to a deficiency of life-belts but stated he had the correct number of fire extinguishers. St Nippard reported that although there were the four extinguishers required by the licence, two of them were filled with water only. There were also only 10 instead of 12 life-belts. The vessel carried a crew of 12. Defendant stated that the extinguishers had been stolen and he had had them replaced. He had not had time to replace the belts.

NO TABLE OF FARES

For failing to exhibit the table of fares in a prominent place, the mistress of a sampan was fined \$15 or three days. She pleaded that she was unable to read and did not know the regulations.

Old Hongkong Doctor Dead

One of Hongkong's oldest practising medics, Dr Peter Quincey Wong, died at his residence, 173 Island Road, Aberdeen, in the early hours of this morning. He was 80 years of age.

The late Dr Quincey Wong, who was a graduate of the former Hongkong College of Medicine, is survived by his wife and two sons, Mr M. Quincey Wong, exchange broker, and Mr C. Quincey Wong.

The late doctor's father was Capt. William Quincey, who was an Inspector in Hongkong Police in the days when the late Sir Henry May was Commissioner. Capt. Quincey was in the Taiping Rebellion, and was adopted by General Gordon when he was two years old. He was given a military education in England and returned to China to discover that his family name was Wong.

The funeral of the late Dr Quincey Wong will take place at 4 p.m. tomorrow from the Hongkong Funeral Parlour.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

Amoy, Nov. 22.—Mrs Wu Chung-hwa, of the Biology Department faculty of Amoy University, committed suicide last Saturday by taking mercury because of ill-health and financial troubles.

Her husband is Mr Chang Ching, lecturer at Kunming University, and her father is Mr Wu Nung, a professor at Hunan University.—Associated Press.

SHOWING **Queens** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.

TO-DAY **HE** CHASE DIVES ON A GERMAN AIRCRAFT CARRIER **SHE** DOMES A JAPANESE MUNITION DUMP!



SHOWING **KINGS** At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.



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Next Change: "MEET ME AT DAWN"

Elections In Harbour Tragedy

Spain
Madrid, Nov. 21.—Voting ranged from light to heavy today in Spain's first election in 12 years. No incidents were reported anywhere during the polling for about one-third of the Municipal Council members throughout the country.

Despite the Government's announcement that it would invoke a law, enacted in 1907, to punish voters who failed to go to the polls, voting was noticeably light in Madrid and some other cities.

Heads of families are today choosing some 15,000 candidates. Most observers predicted an overwhelming victory for the Franco Government, which is sponsoring most of the candidates. Nearly 40 percent of the people did not vote in the provinces, despite the Government announcement that abstainers would be fined. Many voters used hand-outs with the printed names of the candidates already filled in.—United Press.

INDO-CHINA HIGH COMMISSIONER

Saigon, Nov. 21.—M. Leon Lignon, the new High Commissioner for French Indo-China, arrived here today by air from Paris.—Reuter.

Girl's Body Recovered This Morning

The body of Miss Patricia Anne Bragg who was drowned when a car in which she was travelling skidded and plunged into the harbour off West Point last night was recovered this morning when the car was salvaged. The late Miss Bragg would have been 17 on Wednesday. Both front doors of the car were open, and after hitting the water the car fell on the side where Miss Bragg was sitting. She was wearing a beige jacket and grey skirt. The vehicle skidded on the tram lines near Whitty Street and it was drizzling at the time.

Nanking Evacuees Coming Here

Nanking, Nov. 22.—Eleven British women and children left for Hongkong today by R.A.F. plane on what is described as a "temporary" evacuation. They comprised the dependants of the Embassy and other British personnel in the Nanking area. Another small group of dependants will be flown to Hongkong by R.A.F. plane in a few days.—Reuter.

World's Smallest Aircraft

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—The "Woo Bee," a midjet plane described by its designers as the world's smallest piloted aircraft, has successfully completed its maiden flight in California. It is 13 feet long, weighs 68 kilograms and has a wing span of 15 feet. It is flown by a pilot lying prone on top of the fuselage and harnessed to it.—Reuter.

WEEK-END CRICKET

Frank Howarth Times
It Nicely For Tea

By "RECORDER"

Hongkong won the match against the Malaya Combined Services yesterday by 236 runs, an overwhelming victory accomplished against a team that discovered how rebellious is the will to win after seven days of cricket in the last eight.

The fight had already gone out of the visitors by yesterday morning and individual averages, well-maintained over the first four matches, were shot to pieces as Stokes first flogged the bowlers and Howarth and Gambrell then skittled the wickets for 76, the match ending just in time for tea.

By the time Stokes had reached his third century this month, the bowling of Malaya's Kenyon, who will long be remembered for that broad grin as the ball raced to the boundary, had dropped to an average of 30.76 a wicket, Leggett's medium-to-fast to an average of 23.11 and Syrett's spin to an average of 19.91.

Up to the start of the match on Saturday morning, their averages had been as neat as would be expected of bowlers of their calibre. They are definitely much better bowlers than they were the last two days of their visit here.

Parham, who was out of the last match, retired with an average of 5.93 for 13 wickets and Andre Steele, who did not have long spells bowling on Saturday or Sunday, finished with 14.55.

Local bats who faced both Parham and Kenyon agree that the latter's delivery is by no means inferior to Parham's. On Saturday morning, Kenyon gave unaccountable moments to both Kilbee and Pearce and his analysis in his first spell with the ball read 9-6-23-1.

THE HEAT DID IT

Fielding through the heat of Saturday morning just about shipped the Malaya attack. If it didn't do that to pieces, the subsequent batting collapse that followed killed off what remained of a will to win.

It was rather hard on Malaya going through the matches against the Hongkong Combined Services and the Hongkong X was five days in a row with the one-day HKCC match preceding these.

On the whole, the visitors' record was not a bad one. The first two matches lost to the Mainland and the Army, each by one wicket, had been anybody's game.

Then came a day's rest, followed by a neat victory over the HKCC, short only of Howarth. Followed the Combined Services match which Malaya would have won with a little more luck thrown in and then the Interport collapse.

SPEED MERCHANTS' HOLIDAY

One of the strange facts of the Malaya visit was that, though not short of fast bowlers at home, it was against our local speed merchants that their batting collapsed.

Gambrell, for instance, finished with a remarkable record of 18 wickets for 103 runs for an average of 5.72 runs a wicket, bowling 63.2 overs. He had only one bad spell when Leggett and Syrett, in the second innings against Combined Services, hit him to an analysis of 4 for 81.

Howarth, who played in only one match against Malaya, finished with 9 for 44 for an average of 4.88. Syrett took 8 for 70 for an average of 8.75.

Of the bowlers other than the fast ones, Stanton was the only one to have any relative measure of success against Malaya. He took nine for 113 for an average of 12.55.

COMPARATIVE BATTING

Stokes was the most successful bat against the visitors with knocks of 106 not out, 27 and 12. There were eight knocks of 50 or over against Malaya.

These were L. F. Stokes, 106 not out for Hongkong; W. C. A. D. Pantoni, 56 not out for Combined Services; Dr. E. L. Gosano, 63 for Hongkong; N. R. Oliver, 52 for Hongkong; L. D. Kilbee, 48 for HKCC; Lt. Cdr. Vassour, 33 not out for Combined Services; and Major C. R. Murray Brown, 30 for Combined Services.

The visitors had six. These were: F. L. Syrett, 67 against Combined Services and 55 against HKCC; S. L. Leggett, 62 against Combined Services; F. L. Lloyd, 59 against HKCC; Padre J. Steele, 36 not out against Combined Services; and Cpl. Robinson, 30 against Mainland.

Leading Malaya batting averages for the whole "tour" were: Syrett 32.00; Padre Steele 27.68; Leggett 18.00; Lloyd 13.28; Robinson 12.57; Lt. Cdr. Lee 11.80; Capt. Leslie-Jones 11.10 and Major Greenwood 10.00.

Had it not been for the last match against Hongkong that saw Robinson out for a "duck" in each innings and Leggett, Syrett and Lloyd out for a "duck" in one innings, the final averages would have been well up.

The Malaya Combined Services enjoyed their visit here and we were glad to have them.

As Frank Howarth expressed it, "We came upon unfamiliar conditions when we went down to Malaya and we put up a poor show. They came up here to unfamiliar conditions and did no better. They are a much better team than they were these last two days."

LEAGUE CRICKET

Two First Division League matches and several Second Division matches were played on Saturday.

The RAF, short of Gambrell and Gail, were held to a draw by University of Kent. The youngest of the Gosano brothers, J. M., knocking up 72 not out against the RAF attack.

When in his 20's, Gosano was hit over the right eye in mistiming a rising ball and came back for a lightening innings after being treated for the injury.

The RAF hit up 150 and University replied with 89 for 5. In the other First Division match, Craigengower dismissed Royal Navy for 65, Billimoria taking 6 for 42 and Craze 4 for 17, and then won comfortably by six wickets.

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio	4	3	1	0	13
Army	4	3	1	0	13
RAF	4	2	2	1	10
Optimists	4	2	1	1	9
Scorpions	4	2	0	2	8
KCC	4	1	2	1	6
IRC	4	1	2	1	6
University	4	1	1	2	5
Craigengower	5	1	1	3	5
Royal Navy	5	0	1	4	1

TEAM AVERAGES

	Batting	Total Wkts.	Average
Optimists	546	22	24.81
Recreio	559	27	20.70
Scorpions	534	30	17.80
RAF	817	47	17.38
Craigengower	644	44	14.63
KCC	622	38	16.37
IRC	460	34	13.52
University	363	30	12.10
Royal Navy	427	44	9.70
University	423	45	9.40

BOWLING

	Runs	Wkts.	Average
Army	332	40	8.30
Recreio	304	39	7.79
Optimists	410	36	11.38
RAF	490	38	12.89
Scorpions	503	30	16.77
University	717	41	17.48
Craigengower	684	37	18.48
IRC	485	20	24.25
KCC	504	30	16.80
Royal Navy	734	37	19.83

WEST INDIANS' TOUR

Kuracili, Nov. 21.—Sind recovered easily to save the innings defeat when their match with the West Indies entered on its third and final day here today.

Sind, 110 runs behind on the first innings, lost three second innings wickets down for 33 with in addition to front retired hurt, were in a not too happy position, but Ali Muddin put them on the road to recovery with a fine knock of 45.

Then Anwar Hussain set about the bowling to such good purpose that he was not out with 63 runs to his credit at lunch, when the Sind second innings had reached 155 for five.

Both Muddin and Fernandes were out in somewhat unfortunate circumstances. Muddin seemed well set and was pulling and hooking confidently when he tried a hook off Christiani. He mistimed the sharply rising ball, however, and it went off his gloves into the hands of McWalt.

BRILLIANT CATCH

Then Anwar Hussain and Fernandes seemed set for a good stand when the latter crashed a drive towards the covers. It was a shot deserving a boundary, but Weekes held a catch brilliantly.

Anwar Hussain, the Sind captain, with the innings defeat averted, pulled more confidently than ever and he was scoring with grand strokes all round the wicket when the lunch interval arrived.

Then 63 not out, he had with Badrudin, so far, added 42 for the sixth wicket.

Trim and Jones took over with the new ball after lunch and both caused it to lift disconcertingly so that the batsmen had to exercise the greatest caution. Badrudin—was nearly caught and bowled by Trim when 15, while Anwar Hussain was missed when he was 70.

DOUBLE CHANGE

A double bowling change brought on Cameron and Atkinson, and off Atkinson's first ball Anwar Hussain, playing forward, gave a dolly catch. He had scored 80 in 140 minutes.

The sixth wicket had put on 82. Badrudin played a delightful cricket, hitting out at every bowler and had six boundaries in his 50, which he scored in 102 minutes. Then hitting out wildly he was out leg before wicket, with only one run added to his score.

The Sind captain declared the innings closed at 284 for eight wickets.

The West Indies were thus left to score 175 runs to win.

PRINCE PHILIP'S YACHT



The "Bluebottle", a yacht of the Dragon class, was presented to their Royal Highnesses Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh by the Island Sailing Club.

The Duke contested his first race on the yacht when he entered the "Bluebottle" at a recent yachting event at Cowes.

In the yacht's crew of three the Duke acted as third hand. On the first day "Bluebottle" came in third, but disqualified herself through grazing a buoy; on the second she finished seventh.

This picture shows the "Bluebottle" sailing on the Solent. Next to the Duke of Edinburgh sits the helmsman, Lt. Commander Michael Crichton.

"DAILY EXPRESS" POLL SAYS:

"ONLY FOUR OUT OF TEN
WANT THE SPORTS PAGE"

By VERNON MORGAN

London, Nov. 21.—Sports editors in Britain and large numbers of the British sporting public had a great shock last week when they saw the result of the vote taken by the "Daily Express," the nation's largest daily newspaper, of its readers as to whether they were in favour of abolishing the sports page.

More than 60 percent were in favour of doing away with it and having a newspaper without any sport in it. "Unbelievable" was the comment of one Fleet Street sports editor.

The answer probably is that the "Daily Express" puts its question on the features and leader page, which is not as widely looked at as either the front news page, the secondary news page or the sports page.

This is shown by the fact that of its nearly four million readers, only about 1,000 sent in their vote. Most of these were obviously of the highbrow type and such could probably dispense with the sports page.

Some editors took the view that just as American polls had proved completely false in the recent American election, this poll was equally unreliable. It seems much to believe that two-thirds of the great British sporting nation could do without its newspapers' sport page.

It may well be imagined what telephone calls, telegrams and letters any national daily would receive if they failed to produce any sport one day just as a test. Indignation would be colossal and floods of letters would pour in to the editors.

They had only an hour left for play when they began their second innings and the impossibility of scoring the necessary runs in the time caused interest in the game to evaporate. Sixty-one runs were evaporation for the loss of two wickets in the hour when stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

MCC TOUR

Bloomfontein, Nov. 20.—The MCC cricketers were heading for another victory on their South African tour when at the close of the second day's play in the match with Orange Free State here today, the home side, with six second innings wickets standing, still needed 143 runs to avoid an innings defeat.

In reply to the MCC total of 449 for seven declared, the Free State scored 251, and following on, lost four second innings wickets for 55 by the time stumps were drawn.

Orange Free State made an excellent start in reply to the MCC first innings total and the first wicket pair were unbeaten at lunch with 112 runs on the board. One half hour's spell soon after lunch started the State's collapse. In that period five wickets fell for eight runs and by tea seven men were out and the score was 108, after a first wicket stand of 113.

Soon after tea the innings closed. Jenkins finishing with five wickets for 70. He was also the chief menace when the State followed on for he claimed three of the four wickets which fell, first class holding and catching, helping him, while Wright clean bowled Warner, one of the opening batsmen, with the last ball of the day. Jenkins conceded only 11 runs in three overs, while getting his three second innings wickets.—Reuter.

BIGGEST DRAWING CARD AFTER LOUIS

Casablanca Clouter
Listens To Offers

New York, Nov. 21.—Marcel Cerdan, the biggest drawing card in boxing outside of heavyweight champion Joe Louis, is back in New York—listening to offers.

Evidence of the dollar value of the fighting Frenchman with the laughing eyes is the fact that he was met at the airport by both Harry Markson of the 20th Century Sporting Club and Andy Niederreiter of the rival promoting group, the Tournament of Champions.

Cerdan is under contract to defend his world middleweight title for the Tournament of Champions next June against Tony Zale, the man he knocked out for the crown in September. But Cerdan is not under contract for overweight appearances.

"I am sure he will fight for both promoters this winter," said Sammy Richman, who will represent Cerdan on his current exhibition tour.

"NO BOXING WAR"

"We are not involved in any boxing war. The garden (Madison Square Garden) which the 20th Century Club controls) gave us our first chance and the Tournament of Champions gave us a shot at the title. There is no reason we cannot fight for both."

Mr. Richman did not mention it, but there is another factor. American representative, recently became the European talent scout for the 20th Century. He and Lucien Roupp, Cerdan's manager, are due in this country within a week.

Cerdan will remain in the United States a month, making six or eight appearances in four-round exhibitions. Two dates are definite. He will box at Lewiston, Maine, on December 2 and at Cleveland on December 6. Other possibilities are New Orleans, Toronto, Montreal and Holyoak, Massachusetts.

GOODWILL TOURIST

Since winning the championship from Zale, the Casablanca clouter has been in the ring only once. That was for an exhibition in Corsica. The rest of the time he has been making a goodwill tour of the continent.

Cerdan will return to Casablanca to spend the Christmas holidays with his family. He will be back in the United States late in January and probably will remain until after his title defence in June.

Among other things, he is interested in getting about \$40,000 which was held in escrow after the Zale fight to insure his return for more American bouts.

The talk is that Zale will make his comeback for "just one more fight"—the one against Cerdan in June. Whether Zale fights more

Britain Not In Favour
Of Junior Olympics

London, Nov. 21.—The United States would, it is reported, like to see the staging of a Junior Olympics to be held every four years like the Olympic Games. This suggestion has not met with wide support in British sporting circles, where it is felt that hard competition between youths would ultimately do more harm than good.

While in Britain, in horse-racing the horses are raced from early in their career, much to their detriment, according to many critics, the human race is given considerable time to develop and too much junior competition is frowned upon.

Promising young athletes are often ruined in their school days by being over-raced in the view of many athletic officials, and it is the policy of the British Amateur Athletic Association to see, as far as it is in their power, that promising athletes are brought along slowly and carefully.

In Britain, it is held that not until a man is in the late twenties is he at his very best. In other countries, it is different. Men and women take a long time to mature in the British climate.

AT A DISADVANTAGE

In sunnier climates, they mature much earlier, and for that reason, athletes of countries from warm climates would have a great advantage over the British, supposing that an age limit of 18 were introduced.

What British athletic officials feel is that boys and girls should be started on the road of sport in early youth but not given hard competition until they are ready for it. Tender years should, they think, be spent in training and coaching for strenuous rivalry to come later, thus the idea of holding a Junior Olympiad would be unlikely to receive much support from this country.

There is more enthusiasm for another suggested big international event, a track and field contest between the United States and Europe, the venue to be alternated between cities in Europe and the United States.

The proposals form the United States are understood to be that this meeting should be held the year after the Olympiads and the year before them, that is, next year and again in 1951.

That certainly should suit Britain, whose participation in the Empire Games comes midway between each Olympiad. The next Empire Games are to be held in New Zealand in 1950.

The next European championships are to be held in Brussels next year and it should not be difficult to send a team, selected after they are over, across the Atlantic to meet the best of the United States can produce.

The gate money received should easily suffice to pay the journey and the stay of the visiting teams.—Reuter.

THE WEEK-END
SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL

Memorial Cup

Army Chinese	6	Non-Chinese	1
	5	Navy	3

FIRST DIVISION

OAA	0	KNH	2
Kilchee	8	RAF	2
S. China "B"	2	2 King Wah	2
Navy	0	Eastern	3
Club	0	S. China "A"	3

SECOND DIVISION

Navy	0	CAA	1
Solicitors	1	W. D. Chinese	1
Dockyard	3	King Wah	0
Army (HK)	3	Kilchee	1
South China	1	St. Joseph's	0

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
S. China "A"	7	7	0	0	24	7	14
KM Bus	8	0	0	2	24	11	12
Chinese AA	8	5	1	2	27	17	11
Eastern	8	4	2	2	18	11	10
Kilchee	9	5	0	4	33	22	10
St. Joseph's	7	4	1	2	10	9	9
Army	7	3	2	2	24	8	8
S. China "B"	8	3	0	5	14	21	6
Police	8	2	1	3	14	18	5
RAF	9	1	1	7	12	33	3
Navy	7	1	0	6	28	2	2
King Wah	8	0	1	7	10	20	1

Second Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Chinese AA	12	11	0	1	60	8	22
South China	12	10	1	1	37	10	21
KM Bus	9	7	2	0	43	8	16
Army (HK)	9	7	1	1	29	10	15
Navy	11	7	1	3	15	15	9
Kilchee	11	5	3	3	22	14	14
Tramways	8	5	0	3	23	21	13
St. Joseph's	10	4	1	5	10	24	9
W. D. Chinese	12	3	2	7	10	48	8
Police	9	2	3	4	27	20	7
Club	9	3	0	6	20	44	6
Dockyard	10	3	0	7	13	21	4
Taikeo	7	2	0	5	13	21	4
PCA	8	1	0	7	10	28	2
Solicitors	11	0	2	9	9	38	2
University	11	0	1	10	6	47	1

HOCKEY

Army	1	Recreio	1
C & W	1	RAF	1
Khalisa	1	W. D. Chinese	2
Navy	1	Civil Service	0
University	1	Dutch HC	1
YMCA	2	Dockyard	1

HOW THEY STAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Recreio	7	4	1	2	25	3	15
Army	7	4	2	1	26	7	10
Navy	7	4	2	1	11	12	10
Khalisa	7	4	1	2	10	0	9
Civil Service	7	4	1	2	22	9	9
Dutch HC	8	4	1	3	15	12	9
University	8	4	1	3	25	7	7
RAF	8	2	1	5	12	21	6
YMCA	6	2	0	4	7	10	4
W. D. Chinese	3	1	0	2	2	6	2
Dockyard	7	1	0	6	9	31	2
C & W	8	1	0	7	6	30	2

LAWN BOWLS

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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"When she blows her nose like that she really has a cold - It's when she sniffs that she's disappointed in love!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

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HOT WORDS V. COLD WAR

Little Progress By UN Assembly

Paris, Nov. 21.—Hot words here and the cold war elsewhere have gone on without a break during the first nine weeks of the United Nations Assembly. The Assembly has three weeks more to run. Up to now it has not bridged any of the big rifts between East and West.

While there is no unbounded optimism, its leaders are not lost in pessimism.

The Security Council, meeting concurrently with the Assembly, still has the Berlin crisis before it and has met more frequently on urgent matters than during any previous Assembly.

Efforts are going on under the prodding of the "six neutrals" in the Security Council to reach a compromise formula that might break the Berlin deadlock. Their first effort was vetoed by Russia on October 25.

In a special statement written for The Associated Press, Assembly President, Dr. Herbert V. Ewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, predicted the Berlin deadlock would be broken and other big issues solved.

STORMY PROGRESS

Dr. Ewart and others see the social betterment efforts as the biggest concrete achievement of this session. In this field, progress has been stormy but real. Examples include the world bill of rights nearing approval in the 56-nation social committee and the convention against genocide—mass extermination of racial or other groups.

The assembly made a small step forward in the Greek-Balkan case. At Dr. Ewart's suggestion, it got the envoys of Greece, Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria to sit down with him and Secretary General Trygve Lie to talk on whether they can make peace.

This effort was linked with assembly action—opposed by the Soviet bloc—condemning Greece's northern neighbours for aiding Greek guerrillas.

OTHER ISSUES

Here is the picture on the other major issues before the Assembly. Atomic—The Western Powers and Russia, deadlocked for two and one half years on atomic control, got part of what each wanted at this assembly. The West won a vote in the Assembly approving its plan for controlling atomic energy.

Russia won its insistent demand that the UN Atomic Energy Commission continue its work.

Disarmament—the western nations held their line against Russia's No. 1 campaign of the 1948 assembly. The Russians called for a one-third reduction of the armament forces of the five great powers within a year and an immediate ban on atomic weapons. The West replied they could not agree to any arms plan unless sufficient controls were established and unless the international atmosphere became calmer.

M. Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet deputy foreign minister, fired many charges against the West. But the Assembly on Friday night, voted down the Russian plan, 39 to 8. Only the Soviet bloc supported it.

PALESTINE

The Assembly plan for the UN Commission for Conventions Armaments to continue work next year.

Palestine—The United Nations voted a year ago to partition the time between the Arabs and the

Crosses Zone To Visit Husband

Hamburg, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Wilkins, wife of Flight Lieutenant J. E. Wilkins, the sole survivor of the British airtail Dakota crash in the Soviet Zone last Wednesday, crossed the Soviet border tonight to visit her husband in Schoenberg hospital. It was expected that she would spend the night at the bedside of her husband.

Reaching Hamburg by air from Britain last afternoon, Mrs. Wilkins was driven to the Soviet Zone border in a car with a Royal Air Force driver as an escort. At the frontier, they were met by a Soviet officer who took the British officer's place.

The Soviet authorities waived all travel formalities.—Reuter.

Protest Petition Against Newfoundland Union With Canada

London, Nov. 21.—Major Peter Cashin, a former Newfoundland Finance Minister, said here this week that a petition signed by over 50,000 Newfoundlanders—35 per cent of the electorate—would be presented to the bar of the House of Commons next week as a protest against the pending union of Newfoundland, Britain's oldest colony, with Canada.

Major Cashin is one of the three prominent Newfoundlanders who are in London to present the petition which is being sponsored by Sir Alan Herbert, the British author and independent member of Parliament.

The other two are Mr. John Higgins, KC, President of the Newfoundland Bar Association, and Major Frederick Marshall, a businessman.

The petition asked that immediate provision be made for the restoration

Casualty In Mine Riot



Striking miners carry a wounded co-worker from scene of riot at Combefort mine, near St Etienne, France, in which at least two miners were killed and scores injured. Troops guarding mine were forced to fire at strikers during demonstration.—AP Picture.

Big Decision Faces US Congressmen

WILL THEY PLEDGE MILITARY AID FOR FRIENDLY NATIONS?

Washington, Nov. 21.—Early in the new United States Congressional session beginning next January, legislators will be asked to decide whether the United States should go to war for a friend the instant that friend is attacked.

The debate promises to be historic. Never before has this nation been willing to say to another nation "your safety is mine."

But now, faced with the march of Communism through middle Europe and East Asia, top American leaders in both political parties, in the State Department and in the National Defence Agency, have decided to ask Congress to pledge aid to five European nations.

The five are Britain, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg—the "Western Union." Those nations have already pledged a "one for all military protection of each country."

The Europeans want Americans and Canadians to say "when any of us is attacked in the future, all of us will gang up immediately." Months ago both Washington and Ottawa began to explore the idea. American and Canadian military men, are sitting in on sessions of the five European nations.

EXPERTS UNCERTAIN

Washington experts are uncertain now about the exact shape any new American move should take on the law books. Republican Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg has already said the pledge should be made in a treaty, which the U.S. Senate would have to ratify.

State Department men think there should also be an "enabling law" giving the government "the authority" and an appropriation bill voting money to cover the cost of supplies to the five western European armies. There are many stumbling blocks on the road. Here are some:

1.—The top American military man on the negotiations says that for the U.S. to land air forces in Europe the day any of them is attacked, would take previous imports, great gasoline and parts dumps and trained repair crews. He says the Europeans are now working out an agreement for using each other's airports. They are also figuring out how to share military supplies, such as guns, bullets, shoes and the like.

LESSON FOR PEOPLE

2.—Americans now think any armaments plants in the five nations should be left to turn out materials

for the alliance's armies, and not converted to peace time production. The Americans want Europeans to make all the military supplies they can for themselves—as for example the British making planes, the Belgians small arms and several of their electrical equipment.

3.—The top U.S. military negotiator spoke a further warning. Washington's top planners will have to convince the American people that it is better to get ready ahead of time to fight beside friends than to wait for the bombs to fall on all separately. He saw all the European governments will have to sell the same lesson to their own people.—Associated Press.

S'hai Theatres Reopen

Shanghai, Nov. 22.—Motion picture theatres reopened after a four-day strike of theatre workers.

Mayor K. C. Wu ordered the workers back to their jobs pending negotiations.

The employees are demanding a 100 per cent increase in their basic wages.

Meanwhile 300 doctors, nurses and officials in the Lester Chinese Hospital demanded a 35 per cent increase in basic salaries and threatens to give free injections and medicine if they didn't get it soon.

The management promised "favorable consideration." Several thousand workers in eight flour mills demanded the right to buy wheat and flour at November 10 prices without surrendering their wage scale of November which is eight times higher.

They claimed the price of flour had jumped 17 times.

Striking teachers totalling 1,300 from 31 middle schools promised to resume teaching today.

Customs workers are demanding larger rice allowances.—Associated Press.

RECORD BALLOON FLIGHT

Washington, Nov. 21.—The United States Army claimed today to have sent an unpowered balloon to a record height of 47 kilometres, or eight kilometres higher than ever before. From 13 kilometres, where it passed out of sight, to 47 kilometres, where it burst, the path of the balloon was traced by delicate recording instruments.

The instruments then floated down by parachute.

This record falls short of the height reached by another of the Army's devices—128 kilometres had been recorded in experiments based on the German "V" rockets.—Reuter.

MR TRUMAN ENDS VACATION

Ready To Tackle World's Heavy Problems

Washington, Nov. 21.—Wearing a deep tan and a confident smile, President Truman returned today from two weeks' vacation in Florida and prepared to take up the heavy load of national and world problems.

The plane Independence, which brought the President, his family and official aides from their Key West vacation retreat, landed at the National Airport at 2.45 p.m.

Flying toward Washington from the opposite direction was the Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, who is scheduled to meet Mr. Truman tomorrow (Monday) for a top-level review of the world diplomatic situation.

Mr. Marshall left Shannon, Ireland, after a delay due to bad weather.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. James Forrestal, who flew to Key West last week for a brief talk with President Truman, was among those at the airport to greet the President today. Mr. Forrestal said he also expected to confer with the chief executive on Monday.

Mr. Truman was jauntily sporting a cane when he stepped out of his plane. Smiling, joking and shaking hands with well-wishers, he appeared in high spirits and excellent health. His only remark to reporters was that he had to hurry to the White House to "unpack and pack again." This was a reference to the first purely personal problem awaiting Mr. Truman, whose household is moving out of the White House and into Blair House across the street, where they will live for nearly a year while the historic executive mansion undergoes extensive repairs.

MAJOR PROBLEMS

President Truman will also see the ECA roving ambassador, Mr. W. Averell Harriman. Major problems facing the chief executive are:

1. What form of control should be placed on the vast industrial potential of Germany's Ruhr areas. That a Presidential decision on this question may be necessary was seen as possible in view of mounting French opposition to any plan for returning the Ruhr to German control. United States diplomats are understood to be supporting a plan for limited Ruhr control, comprising international allocation of the area's industrial output. The French opine that further controls are necessary to guarantee European security against a possible rebirth of the German war machine.

Five-power representatives are meeting in London to work out an agreement, but many informed sources think the decision ultimately must be made at the highest government levels.

AID FOR CHINA

2. Whether the United States should extend all out aid to China in the latter's battle with the Communists. Some administrators were reluctant to place a huge American investment in China, on the grounds that the Communists are too near victory to make it worthwhile. There is also suspicion in some quarters that the Chiang Government is corrupt and inefficient. However, there was strong sentiment in Congress circles for speeding arms to China as quickly as possible. Senator Worth Clark of Idaho, special consultant to the Senate Appropriations Committee, holds this view. He said in a report made public yesterday that the United States must send vast sums and huge arsenals, guns and planes to China at once or write off the entire Far East to Communism.

3. How much money should be asked of Congress for military purposes during 1949 and how it should be distributed. Chinese needs must be considered here as well as the needs of internal United States defence.

4. How much money should be appropriated for the second year of ECA. Mr. Paul Hoffman, ECA Administrator, has indicated he will ask for about US\$1,250,000,000 as a deficiency appropriation when Congress convenes in January.

5. The Atlantic defence pact. President Truman must decide what type of American participation in

BIG CHANGE IN DUTCH POLICY

Batavia, Nov. 21.—An Indonesian Republican commentator, broadcasting from Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, said today that pressure from the United States had caused a radical change in the Dutch policy towards the Indonesian Republic.

America's desire for a speedy settlement had become urgent following the Communist successes in China, the commentator claimed. He said the Republic hoped that contact between the Dutch and the Republic, which he newly appointed Netherlands Cabinet delegation arrived would be successful.

The Republican news agency, Antara, said that 12 Indonesian Communist rebels were captured in northeast Java after the Republican forces had split 800 rebels by the former Republican Socialist Premier, Dr. Amir Sjarifuddin, Premier of the Indonesian Communist State.

The insurgents had disrupted communications with the Republican oil centre of Tjepu, the report said.—Reuter.

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OWENS.—To Allison, wife of Reginald W. Owens at Queen Mary Hospital, on November 20, 1948, a son, both well.

DEATH

WONG.—The death occurred this morning at his residence at Aberdeen of Dr. Peter Quincey Wong, age 66 years. Burial at Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, Canton Road, on November 23rd, passing The Monument at 4.30 p.m.

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